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ARMISTICE DAY.

As the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice comes around once more and as one looks the country and the world over in the light of criticism one is inclined to ask, "Was it all worth while?"

The peace that was promised and was hoped for has not come to the world. War is not abolished but rages in several sections of Eastern Europe. Upset nations are being left to struggle and grope their way into the light. New nations are squabbling and disputing over boundaries and invading disputed territory. Famine stalks gauntly through many lands and disease claims its victims by thousands. While the clash of arms is not so deafening and cannons do not roar so loudly there has been no abatement in commercial strife. For the trade of the world nations are still at each other's throats. The brotherhood of nations was but a passing dream, it would seem.

At home we have an army of unemployed that numbers 5,000,000 of whom nearly a million are said to have been service men in the war. Industries are shut down or slowed down. Manufacture and the railroads demand reductions in the wages they must pay before they will reduce prices and labor demands that its pay shall be kept up until living costs shall be reduced. Longer hours at less pay are demanded of the workers, they see that which they gained during the war days slipping from them. Then every inducement was held out to the country to produce while now each strives to make the other reduce. The pursuit of the almighty dollar was never more hot, never was there a more eager grabbing for gold than today.

Both at home and abroad, it is alleged that crime and immorality are epidemic, but immorality and dishonesty would be better words. Crimes against womanhood are more frequent, crimes of violence have increased. What was frowned upon by society, the social organization is meant, once is now permitted and even revealed in. There has come a distinct letting down of standards.

Had America not been told it was aiding in fighting the battles of humanity, that the struggle was to make the "world safe for democracy," there would not have been the fervor for enlistment, there would not have been the cheerful response to the draft call, sons, and husbands and fathers would not have been bidden to go forth as they were by loving mothers, wives, sweethearts and sisters. There would not have been the willing sacrifices in food saving and other economies practiced all over the land if it had been said that America entered the war because she was affronted, because her trade and commerce was interfered with by the German submarine policy and because America might come next in line of conquest were imperialism victorious. But a half hearted response would have come to such a call.

In the days since the signing of the armistice there has come a breaking down and a shattering of ideals. Altruism lies helpless in the dust and the world perceives the millennium is far, far away. If crimes of violence have increased, if there has been a breaking down of morality and of honesty, the cause to be found in the loss of the high ideals that were presented in the war days.

However, beautiful ideals and splendid dreams are not all that have been shattered by the awakening that has come during the three years that have followed the armistice. During the war and since much that was false in standards and conceptions was discovered. Civilization and the social organism came to be viewed from different view points from the past and under new lights. There has come a broader and a clearer knowledge of life and relationships, recognition of far reaching truths, and thought has been given to subjects not previously considered. New attitudes have arisen, the very difference in which often leads those who still cling to the old to condemn the new as wrong.

The fact that the broken ideals, the vanished dreams were cherished for a time has left a discontent and a dissatisfaction with old conditions and with those of the present, a longing for something new that can only be satisfied by something larger and something better, something that will at least approach the hopes of the war days. There can never be a return to old and narrow viewpoints. True there is a tendency to ignore the ethical for the essentially practical. True there would be no conference for the limitation of armaments were it not that commerce and industry have come to a recognition of the cost of war to themselves and that the fruits thereof are smaller than such costs warrant, but out of the practical will again arise the ethical, though in the shape of a considerably different code. Truth may be clouded for a time but it will emerge in the end clear and recognizable.

To ordinary vision only the surface appears and the surface of life's stream today appears foul and muddled. Deep down in the depths, however, the stream is flowing clear, pure and clean, flowing on, and ever out on into the sea of infinity. The befouled surface will arouse a disgust with the conditions of today, the raising of new ideals, perhaps easier of realization, and those again unto ideals still higher and more beautiful.

The world is better for the great war, not worse. The struggle of America's manhood was worth while, the part they played was glorious though not just in the way they expected. They have assisted in the bringing about of new conditions which are now only in the formative state. All they hoped for was not achieved, it is true. Granted that it may appear to some that little worth while has resulted. Yet the change was made, yet the foundation for a better and a cleaner civilization was laid. The participation of America has not been all in vain and in days to come this will grow more and more apparent.

FILIPINOS AND WAGES.

Five reasons for a reconsideration of the reduction in wages for unskilled labor have been presented to the Planters' Association in a petition from some of the Filipino workers through Pablo Manlapit and his choice as the one to present it is hardly a good one, discredited as he is by his past record. However, the points raised are deserving of being considered and answered. They were

THE OPTIMISTIC PESSIMIST

If fewer men were looking for wives and more for unmarried women to make wives, there would be less domestic infelicity and a decrease of the divorce evil.

Many a marriage has been spoiled by too much sympathy, that is by sympathy extended by those of the other sex outside the family.

Despatches from Honolulu Saturday said the anti-saloon league was sending an organizer to Maui to form a committee for prohibition law enforcement. It is not difficult to find citizens who will not be on the committee nor to mention those who will be.

The Redskins lived far ahead of time. It would have been a matter of rare convenience if they could have gone to the drug store for their lipsticks and cosmetics before going on the war path.

Wide differences of opinion exist as to just what constitutes the modern girl. She seems somewhat uncertain herself.

It is easy to hold up marks for the conference on armament limitation to shoot at but the length of the range has to be limited else the marksmen will fall short of the target.

Getting right down to brass tacks it is the pocket book and not any great realization of the horrors of war that is the greatest incentive for peace in these days and yet it is the greed for commercial wealth that is the chief cause of war.

Sighs and groans do not carry the ship of life into the port of success. It takes strenuous effort and constant labor.

recently published at some length in the Nippon Jiji as applying equally to Japanese labor.

One point raised is of comparatively small importance since it is complained that notice was not given until October 13 of a change to be effective November 1, while it is asserted that a year ago the laborers were told there would be no change except upon 30 days written notice. The change had to come and its being put into operation 12 days earlier is not of great moment. Readjustments could come in 18 days as well as in 30.

The first point set forth is that the cost of living has not declined proportionately with the reduction in the wage scale and that Filipinos will return home since they cannot live on the wage offered to them. Taking into consideration the combination of wage and bonus of the war days it must be admitted that living costs have not lowered in proportion but it is a well established fact that in the war times and early post war times a large proportion of the earnings of the laborers went for luxuries. Luxuries will have to be reduced materially not by unskilled labor alone but by skilled employees, the staffs and the stockholders as well. The laborer is receiving a reduced return, the stockholder is being left with no return at all on investment until sugar prices improve.

As to the talk of returning to the Philippines, conditions there are very much worse than here, according to reports, and immigration from there in larger numbers is forecast in correspondence and telegraphic news despatches. Conditions here are not so satisfactory as they were but in their old homes the Filipinos, should they return, would find them even less so. The attitude of the Filipinos may be reflected from their announcement to the management of one Maui plantation, that if prices at the "movies" were reduced they would not mind greatly the wage reduction. They were unwilling to have their amusements cut down.

It is asserted that the Filipinos have worked loyally during the labor shortage and that more is expected of them than when wages were higher and labor more plentiful and they have come up to expectations, that if they are not accorded "fair treatment" they will lose heart and work with less energy. This is answered by the fact that when sugar was high their compensation was far above anything they had ever expected to receive and now when operations are conducted at a loss it is only fair that they should assist in meeting the situation. From the past they can judge the future and they have clear evidence that they will share in profits when there shall be profits. There is the greater reason for energy when viewed in the light of a partnership.

The special investigation by the Philippines government of living conditions here is cited. Without doubt there has been cause for complaint on some of the plantations but such cause is not general by any means and the conditions as found would not warrant the forbidding of further immigration here, by any manner of means.

As to the point relative to Americanization and the cut being in contravention of assertions made to Washington, it is not well taken. When it is said that "capitalists are forcing men to work for starvation wages in order that their dividends may not be reduced," it is a falsehood. Dividends were reduced long before there was any wage cut, other than the decreased bonus that automatically resulted from lower prices and the plantations are seeking not profits but to avoid or to minimize actual loss.

The petition does not recognize the partnership that exists between employer and employee, that where profits are shared in good times there must come hardship to both partners in bad times. Sympathy is due to those whose income be reduced by reason of high production costs and low sugar prices, whether such reduction be in the returns of labor or investment. It is a matter of regret that wages are at a minimum now, but conditions of the laborer are not nearly so bad as have been painted in the petition.

Actual sessions of the conference for the limitation of armaments are expected to start tomorrow. There is reason to look for halts and perhaps interruptions. Whatever results are secured will have to come from a unanimity of action not from majority rule. There will have to be "give and take" and it should be recognized at the outset that the moving influence of the conference is quite as much financial as ethical, probably much more so, though that is not a pleasant remark to make.

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